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- 1. FIGURE OF 175 BOAT REFUGEES MENTIONED REFTEL HAS BEEN CONFIRMED. GROUP CONSISTS OF 54 MEN, 40 WOMEN, 35 BOYS AND 46 GIRLS.
 GROUP LEFT DA NANG IN ONE LARGE BOAT ON MAY 29 AND REACHED HAINAN ISLAND ON MAY 31. THEY LEFT THERE ON JUNE 3 AND WERE PICKED UP ON JUNE 4 BY HONG KONG FISHING BOATS AS REFUGEE BOAT WAS SINKING. IMMIGRATION DEPT TOLD US THAT APPARENTLY ALL 175 ARE SINO-VIETNAMESE.
- 2. IN ADDITION TO FIGURE MENTIONED ABOVE, VIETNAMESE JUNK WITH 14 REFUGEES ALSO ARRIVED MORNING JUNE 7. THIS MEANS TOTAL NUMBER TO BE ACCOMMODATED TONIGHT IS 189 REFUGEES.
- 3. AT THIS TIME, IT APPEARS THAT APPROXIMATELY 50 REFUGEES CANNOT BE SQUEEZED INTO EXISTING FACILITIES. PROSPECTS OF FINDING NEW ACCOMMODATION CAPACITY FOR THEM BEFORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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